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Denise Titian

After the welcome figure was blessed it was raised on a concrete foundation at Matilda Inlet on Flores Island on Sept. 1 and greets the world and kick-starts a renewed interest in Ahousaht's tourism ventures, including Walk the Wild Side

Welcome figure marks fresh start to ecotourism

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht—A new 12-foot red cedar welcome figure was erected on the rocks at the entrance to Ahousaht harbor Sept. 1, marking a renewed drive to make local ecotourism ventures a success.

The new welcome figure was made possible through partnerships and donations created through the Ahp-cii-uk (Going the right way) initiative.

According to Dr. Michelle Corfield, the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (NTC) vice-president who has been leading the initiative, Ahp-cii-uk is a pilot project of Health Canada, the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and NTC designed to create mutually beneficial links

between First Nations and business, funding agencies and government.

The government has provided \$300,000 for Ahousaht, Ehattasht and Tseshaht to use for community action projects that will build capacity in the communities.

"The raising of the welcome figure was one project of the larger Ahp-cii-uk initiative, a multi-sectoral initiative bringing together the communities of Ahousaht, Ehattasht and Tseshaht with a number of outside partners, and together we all work on projects identified and prioritized by the communities, to improve the quality of life for members," said Alixe Knighton, director Community Development, ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

The pole was loaded onto an aluminum skiff where it made the short trip from

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H1N1 virus reaches Nuuchahnulth

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht—Chief Councillor John O. Frank confirmed reports that two active cases of H1N1, also known as Swine Flu, are in Ahousaht. Neither case, however, is severe and both are being treated within the community.

Dr. John Armstrong, community physician for Ahousaht, Hot Springs Cove and Tofino, said there are a few cases of H1N1 virus in all three communities, but only two confirmed cases in Ahousaht. This is because those are the only tests that were taken.

According to Armstrong, there is no other strain of flu circulating in the region, so if someone is exhibiting flu symptoms, it is most likely the H1N1 virus.

In addition it takes seven to 10 days for lab reports to come back and people are usually fully recovered by that time, making it pointless to test everyone exhibiting flu symptoms.

Most cases have been mild, not requiring hospitalization, but people at risk could benefit from the medication Tamiflu. Taken in pill form, Tamiflu is an early flu treatment, not a preventative.

Tamiflu works by helping to stop the flu virus from spreading inside the body. If taken within 48 hours of the onset of flu symptoms, patients may avoid the more serious flu complications and recover faster than those who allow the flu to run its course.

"It helps prevent complications; if taken within the first 48 hours treatment can be effective. Beyond that, the horse is already out of the barn," said Armstrong.

Public Health Authority recommends people at high risk take Tamiflu. Those include pregnant women, young children and babies, anyone who has a high likelihood of coming down with the flu, people with compromised immune systems or chronic disease and the very elderly.

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Mom fights for change in special needs education

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

A Port Alberni mother of an autistic child is dreading the new school year.

Mary (we've been asked to protect the child's identity by using a pseudonym) is headed to high school.

This is a milestone event in any student's school career, but for the autistic child it's traumatic. One of the characteristics of autism is resistance to change, and because of the symptoms that come with that resistance—tremors, violent physical outbursts and extreme anxiety—a lot of time and energy has gone into preparing the 14-year-old for the transition.

Over the course of months before the end of the last school year, Mary's educational aide (EA) took her to Alberni District Secondary School to get her used to the environment. The aide talked over and over again about what to expect from their new routine, where their class

would be, what time the school day would start and finish. She answered all of Mary's questions, all so the stress on her could be reduced.

Now Mary's got a new challenge, and Mom's heartsick—and angry—that a wrench has been thrown into all their hard work at this critical time.

The aide that has been working with Mary has been bumped from the position by another employee. Mary is now not only going to a new school, she will be going with a new person at her side.

The collective agreement that School District 70 has in place with C.U.P.E., the union that represents school employees, allows this bumping to happen.

Bill Pegler, the C.U.P.E. provincial K to 12 coordinator, described why bumping occurs.

Near the end of a school year, a school district attempts to anticipate the number of students that will require assistance from educational aides. The number varies year to year, he said.

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University recruit heads to North Dakota

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter



Toni Schutte led her team to a fastball title before heading off to school.

Port Alberni-Seventeen-year-old Toni Schutte is back home in Port Alberni after leading a White Rock baseball squad to a national championship in Branford, Ont. on Aug. 7.

Schutte had the weekend of her life and was named the Most Valuable Player for the Midget A Girls National Championship, an honor historically bestowed on pitchers.

Schutte is the daughter of Tseshaht member Liz Bos, who also had a stellar fastpitch career in the Alberni Valley.

"I am naturally very proud of Toni," said the beaming Bos.

The White Rock Renegades only lost one game in the tournament and it was to the Manitoba Angels with a score of 1-0. Even in the loss, Schutte managed to get two hits, going two for three in a hard-fought defensive battle.

In other games, Schutte led the way with her hitting power. The Renegades played six games, which included one round robin to decide the rankings for the single knock-out playoffs.

Schutte led the way in the playoff game against the Quebec Rebels, batting four for four with three Runs Batted In (RBI), including a homerun.

The Renegades then faced off against the number one team, the Guelph Gators of Ontario. Again Schutte led the way, going two for three with an RBI and led the Renegades to a 2-1 victory over the top seeded team. Next up was the Mississauga North Tigers and Schutte again was two for three with two runs scored and three RBIs. The final was next and once again they faced the Manitoba Angels.

In another very tight and defensive battle the Renegades and Angels waited for the other to make a mistake. Both teams were evenly matched.

Schutte hit an RBI double for the Renegades to take the lead in the very first inning. Then the heavens opened up with rain and the game was called delayed for two hours. The Angels would eventually tie the game up and after seven complete innings went into extra

innings.

"In my last at bat of the game and tournament I hit one out deep into centre field and the center fielder was basically standing at the fence, and I believe without her standing there it would have gone out of the park for a homerun," said Schutte. Instead Schutte was caught out. A Renegade did hit one out of the park for a 2-1 victory.

"The final game even with the rain delay was played very quickly because nobody was hitting anything as it was very good pitching by both teams. The only run scored on us was an error," said Schutte, who ended her Midget A fastball career on top and with style.

She has now left for the University of North Dakota to continue her schooling and also play the game she loves, fastball.

"I was a walk-on student as the coach of the women's fastpitch team asked me to attend. I am excited to be accepted and whatever happens, happens. In the future I plan on coming back to Port Alberni and I would love to coach fastpitch with my mom," said Schutte. "I didn't want a super small school, but also did not want a big school as it would have been overwhelming. So I chose the University of North Dakota, which is a medium-sized school, and I think Grand Forks is pretty small and it's more outdoorsy. I like camping and being outdoors, so I think it is a better fit," Schutte said.

She turned down an offer to go to Stony Brook University in New York because the campus of 45,000 students would have been overwhelming.

Schutte's commitment to the game is evidenced by the five years she's had to travel to Nanaimo, Victoria, Surrey and White Rock to play the game.

At the end of last month Schutte took part in the provincials held in Port Alberni. This was the first time she played in front of a hometown crowd since she was 12 years old.

Schutte was the top batter in the provincials, batting 500 (10 for 20) with nine runs scored, five runs batted in and four homeruns.

Along with her passion and love for fastpitch, Schutte also had a stellar career in high school as the starting point guard for the Armada Senior Girls Basketball team. This past season also she played for the Ahousaht Junior Girls All Native basketball team.

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Merge could bring more resources to the table

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht-Selkirk Metals Corporation, the company that is exploring Catface Mountain in Ahousaht traditional territory for copper deposits, announced July 27 it may merge with the larger Imperial Metals Corporation.

The proposed merge would benefit Selkirk by provision of financial resources that would allow it to continue exploration and development of the Catface project.

Selkirk completed surface diamond drilling on Catface in 2008. Since that time, according to their press release, Selkirk began the effort of considering

the impact of the results from these programs within the context of the current economic conditions and, in turn, evaluating all options available that would allow Selkirk to continue exploration and development of its portfolio.

According to the press release, Selkirk's Catface Project is an established resource that is in an advanced stage of exploration and requires a significant investment to achieve the next step towards development.

In January 2008 Selkirk finalized a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ahousaht First Nations, and that summer conducted the first exploration program on the property in almost 30 years.

Selkirk has filed an amendment to its exploration permit, which will allow the company to re-establish road access to

the area and conduct an expanded diamond drilling program to further define and expand the resource.

The resulting increase in cash flow will allow the merged company to further explore and develop an expanded mineral asset base.

What will this merge mean for Ahousaht? According to Chief Councillor John O. Frank it could mean wealth and prosperity for all of Ahousaht, should the people decide to go ahead with the open pit mine project. To Frank the proposed merge means Catface is a valuable resource that could change the lives of his people.

"There is a growing, greater picture on the horizon for companies that want to do business in our ha-houlthee," he said. "We just want to look after our community the best way we can and we have to keep our eyes open to opportunities," he continued.

Meanwhile, Friends of Clayoquot Sound (FOCS), an environmental organization based in Tofino have grave concerns about the proposed merger. FOCS campaigner Maryjka Mychajlowycz pointed to Imperial Metals Corp. project Huckleberry Mine, an open pit copper mine that she said is poisoning local rivers and lakes by dumping untreated discharge water from tailings ponds down the mountainside.

The Cheslatta Carrier Nation have raised concerns about the quality of their drinking water and toxicity of their fish that they take from the same river system, but company officials say there is nothing to be concerned about. The water they discharge is snow runoff and they themselves drink the water in the mine camps.

Mychajlowycz said FOCS finds the proposed merge very worrisome because Selkirk is a small exploration company and obviously ran out of money. Imperial already has two open pit copper mines and are looking for new mines.

"The nature of mining is inherently unsustainable," she continued. "They mine out the ore and leave a toxic mess."

She said the Cheslatta were worried about untreated water flowing from tailings ponds to the lake they use for drinking water and fishing. They lost a court case in 1997 to stop it.

"This potential merger makes it much more likely that exploration might come to an actual mine proposal," she said, adding, "mining is one of the most toxic economic endeavors. She fears once Catface is mined out, the company will move out leaving toxic tailings that could leak into Cypre River and other nearby salmon bearing streams.

"[Catface Mountain's] so close to Ahousaht, and the tailings could mean huge environmental damage. It is a very dangerous situation," said Mychajlowycz.

Her advice to Ahousaht is to diversify, to focus on a variety of smaller, sustainable economic development projects like the Walk the Wild Side Trail. To mine Catface Mountain would adversely affect any tourism economy Ahousaht may be trying to develop, she pointed out.

According to Frank, whether or not Catface Mountain is mined is ultimately up to the people of Ahousaht.

"We're leaving it in the hands of the muschim (the people) to decide," said Frank, "It is still in the assessment stage with our people."

Frank said the ha'wilt (Ahousaht hereditary chief) and his council will meet Sept. 14 and 15 to discuss economic development. They will hold a general meeting with the community shortly afterward where they will discuss the Catface Project, along with other economic development business.

"We are in dire straits with all that we need...housing, medical, social, and we need help out of this rut. I just want someone to come forward to help us through this and for heaven's sake don't stall us," said Frank.

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What is a Community Plan?
The Hesquiaht Comprehensive Community Plan will address the entire territory and consider all aspects of community life. The most important aspect of the plan is that it is based on community input and participation.

A key part of the planning process is to ensure that there are opportunities for the involvement of all members of the community. The process will provide opportunities for the community to address issues that are important to them.

The various stages of the planning process involve preparing background report and territory mapping, preparing a community analysis and developing long term community vision, goals, objectives and activities.

Community Communications
In March 2009, Hesquiaht developed a Community Communications Strategy to identify the best ways to contact community members. Part of the process is to build internal capacity and Hesquiaht is now hiring a part time Community Communications Coordinator for the community plan process.

September 19th Community Meeting
The first Community meeting regarding the Comprehensive Community Plan will be held as follows:

- Hot Springs Cove on Saturday September 19, 2009.
- Lunch to start at 12:00 noon and Community Plan meeting at 1:00 pm.

All community members are invited and encouraged to participate!

For more information, please contact Cecil Sabbas Hesquiaht Administrator 250-670-1100, or email at hesquiahtadmin@hughes.net

Flu cases are mild

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A shipment of Tamiflu was sent to Ahousaht within hours of receiving the positive H1N1 test results. In order to obtain the drug, people must see the doctor or one of the two community public health nurses, Dan Law or Caryn Bernard.

There has been flu planning in Ahousaht for the past several months, led by Ahousaht Deputy Councillor Curtis Dick. Charmaine Enns, Aboriginal Health Manager for VIHA (Vancouver Island Health Authority), has assisted and has made three public presentations in the community.

Those that are sick are quarantining themselves for seven to 10 days. People are being advised to wash hands fre-

quently. Hand sanitizers and facemasks are being made available on the sea bus.

The local school has protocols in place to protect students and staff. Anyone coughing is to be sent home. Armstrong said the school staff is on guard to reduce the risk.

Anyone 52 years of age or older may be immune to the H1N1 virus. Armstrong said as many as 30 per cent of the population born prior to 1957 may be immune to the H1N1 virus if they were exposed during the 1957 Avian Flu pandemic; even so, health officials won't ignore the risk to seniors.

We could put the brakes on this within the next couple of weeks if we are successful in implementing preventative measures," said Armstrong.

Hesquiaht First Nation

Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009
Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Hot Springs Cove
Please contact Lisa Sabas at 1-866-670-1181
or email: hesquiahtmembership@hughes.net if you have any questions and/or agenda items.

Agreement will build connections

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Usma Family and Child Services has lengthened the reach of its care of Nuu-chah-nulth children with the signing of a protocol agreement between the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) and Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services in Victoria.

Representatives of Surrounded by Cedar travelled to Port Alberni on Aug. 31 to break bread with representatives of the Nuu-chah-nulth nations and then formalize a relationship that has been years in development.

Through Usma, the Nuu-chah-nulth family of nations will have a voice in the care of Nuu-chah-nulth children, ensuring their connection with home, even though they live in the Capital Region.

Surrounded by Cedar is an urban delegated child welfare agency, which shares a commitment with Usma to provide culturally appropriate services to children in its care. The protocol establishes that the tribal council, the Nuu-chah-nulth nations, and the families of those children in care will have a voice in the planning for that child, and wherever practical, the services delivered to the child will be delivered by NTC.

"It's the first [protocol] that we've signed with an external agency to develop understandings and processes around



Bruce Parisian, president of Surrounded by Cedar, and Cliff Atleo Sr., president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, signed a protocol agreement that will extend the reach of Usma, Family and Child Services, into the Capital Region.

caring for Nuu-chah-nulth children living away from home," said Larry Pond, Usma director. "We are just very proud to be part of that process with Surrounded by Cedar and celebrate this as the first of several protocols over the next year or so we'll end up signing with sister agencies." These authorities will take responsibility of the children from the province to start caring for them in a more traditional way.

Though the number of Nuu-chah-nulth children in the Victoria area in the care of

the Ministry of Child and Family Development (MCFD) varies from month to month, it's estimated that there are about 20 who could be transferred to Surrounded by Cedar.

The parties to the protocol agree to work together in the care of those children in a spirit of co-operation and partnership.

The protocol establishes communication guidelines. It requires that at least one Nuu-chah-nulth member will sit as a member of the Surrounded by Cedar

board.

It is agreed that the Surrounded by Cedar delegated staff carrying guardianship responsibilities for Nuu-chah-nulth children in care will be Nuu-chah-nulth members, unless otherwise agreed to, and that a review process will occur six months after the implementation of the protocol to ensure that outcomes are in the best interest of the children being served. A formal evaluation of the activities and outcomes of the protocol will take place on an annual basis.

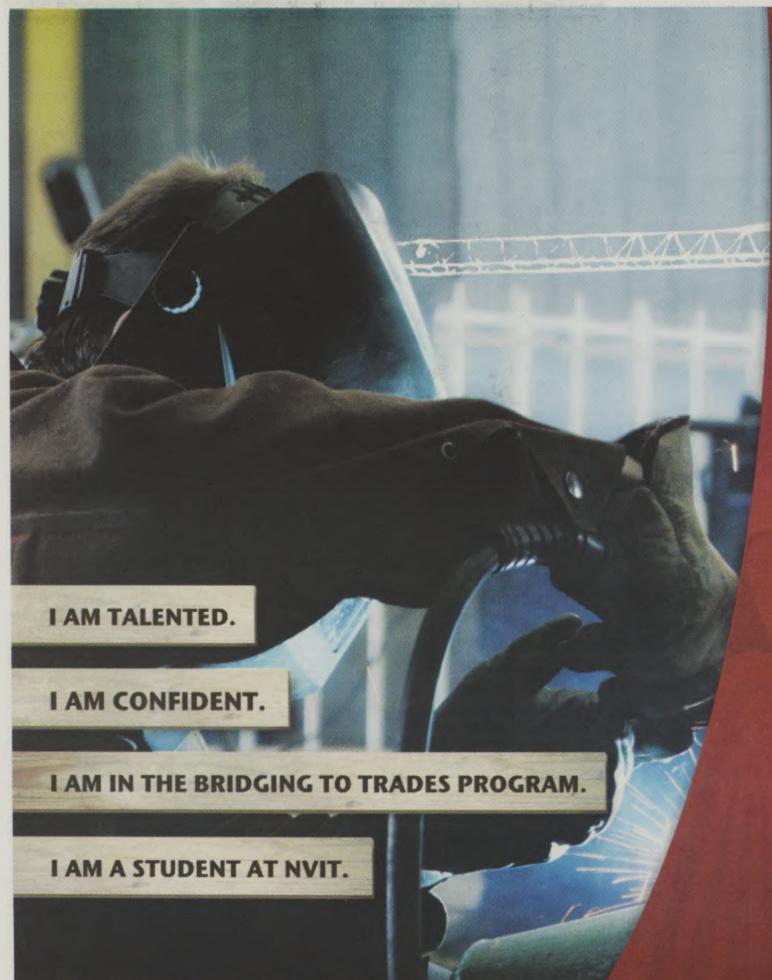
Surrounded by Cedars will contact the child's Nuu-chah-nulth family for any Nuu-chah-nulth child to be transferred to the agency to ensure the family supports the decision to transfer guardianship responsibilities.

Upon receiving notice from the ministry that guardianship responsibilities for a Nuu-chah-nulth child is considered for transfer, the Surrounded by Cedars worker will contact the Usma liaison worker and the nation's family care worker in the child's home community and these groups will be consulted with at all times prior to the completion of a comprehensive plan of care for the child.

A formal review of the plan of care for each Nuu-chah-nulth child will take place on an annual basis involving the Surrounded by Cedar worker, the nation's family care worker and the Usma liaison worker.

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Ahousaht welcomes the world to their shores

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Ahousaht dock to Wilson Rock at the turning curve of Matilda Inlet on a foggy shrouded September morning.

Dozens of helpers were already there waiting to lift the heavy figure from the skiff up a fairly steep, rocky slope. It was carried to the highest point of the rock where a concrete platform had been prepared. Several minutes passed as men prepared the figure to fit its brace.

Ahousaht Deputy Councilor Curtis Dick welcomed guests before a prayer chant was performed. The figure, still lying down with outstretched arms reaching to the sky, was brushed with cedar boughs in a traditional cleansing ceremony.

Carver George John thanked all that stopped by to lend a hand during the three-and-a-half weeks it took him to create the welcome figure.

"This is for all of Ahousaht," he said, before thanking all of the visitors and sponsors.

The welcome figure was raised to a round of cheers and applause before the people scrambled down the rocks to waiting boats that took them back to the village where they gathered at Thunderbird Hall for lunch.

George John again thanked everyone that helped him with his work and for all that contributed to the Walk the Wild Side project.

Elder Gertrude Frank said an opening prayer before Corfield told the crowd what the project meant to her. She said the project was her baby.

"Three to five years ago we started with a dream, a vision of how governments can work together. You had faith and trust in me to bring in the people that could help. First I will start by stating that I am truly honored to be a part of this historic day as we forever mark the traditional territory of the Ahousaht people. This moment and this day could not have been done without the support of the Donner Canadian Foundation. The Donner Canadian Foundation has provided financial support to see this dream become a reality. We are truly grateful," said Corfield.

"Supporters of Ahp-cii-uk have come in many forms," she continued. "I want to express our deepest gratitude to the BC Transmission Corp, who from the onset of this dream has been dedicated to the vision of Ahp-cii-uk."

I want to express my sincerest appreciation to everyone who has assisted in this project and in the project in its entirety."

"This is the beginning of a new page in our collective history and I can only hope and dream that by continuing to move in this direction we can overcome the obstacles and barriers that challenge us," she concluded.

Alix Knighton read a letter from George Abbott, minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, who could not attend the event.

"I'm pleased to send greetings on behalf of the province of British Columbia and congratulations to your community for the realization of your vision. Ahousaht First Nation is taking an important step today in raising this figure. Its open arms symbolize your community's open invitation to the world to come and share in the beauty, history and opportunity available here in your territory," he wrote.

"Although this figure stands alone, you do not stand alone. This figure represents a new way of building relationships. The



Artist George John (standing on smaller rock) oversees the safe transfer of his piece of art from the herring skiff to Wilson Rock.

Ahp-cii-uk initiative is about working in partnership with Aboriginal people, governments, corporations and civil society. It is a good name. You are 'going the right way'," wrote Minister Abbott, adding "I offer my respect to carver George John, my congratulations to the Ahp-cii-uk team and my support to the people of Ahousaht as you raise this welcome figure to honor your past and strengthen your future."

Walk the Wild Side project coordinator Darlene Dick said work on restoring the trail has been ongoing for two years. She said it was elder Sydney Sam Sr. who, at a working group meeting, said it was important to have a welcome figure.

An employee of BC Parks was hired to coordinate the restoration work. He said much has been done over the summer and the trail is looking awesome. Trail workers Syd Sam Jr., Joseph George, Wally Thomas and Trevor Titian were recognized for their hard work.

Syd remarked that while working on the trail he met people from all over the world everyday that came out just to hike the trail.

"I am very proud to be part of this project, proud to have worked with these hard workers," he said.

Ahousaht council thanked Coulson Forest Products for their generous donations toward the trail restoration.

Speaking on behalf of council, Harvey Robinson said the people of Ahousaht got together two years before to decide which direction they wanted to go when it comes to economic development.

"Walk the Wild Side was really important to us. There were lots of people at the first team meeting who talked about how we could access funds to rebuild the trail; thank you to all who donated," he said.

Robinson went on to say that the big dream is to extend the trail all the way around Flores Island, connecting with Hot Springs Cove which, he said, is another part of Ahousaht traditional territory.

Darlene Dick thanked all the partners who helped with the funding.

"There's been a lot of hard work done in the past year-and-a-half," she said. She remembered the people who played major roles in the construction and maintenance of the original trail. Ramona Mark, Susan Jones and former Chief Councilor Louie Frank Sr. were thanked for their efforts in making the trail a reality.

She also thanked brothers Sydney and Stan Sam along with Carol Mattersdorfer

but stopped in at the celebration to offer his words of congratulations, support and encouragement.

"There are challenges our people are overcoming all the time," he said, "I want to congratulate everyone from home and our partners. It feels so good seeing us working together with our partners and to witness the raising of our pole."

He went on to tell a story about Ahousaht's resilience.

"More than 30 years ago the Superintendent of Education was visiting a small northern community that I was living in. He said not to even bother with Ahousaht because Ahousaht won't even be there in 10 years. Well, not only are we still here, we're about to begin building our second school!"

"Not only have we always been here, but we're not going anywhere," said Atleo before congratulating Ahousaht and all that made the day's events.

"Projects like this will create jobs; someday soon we will have 100 per cent employment!" he predicted.

for their support, wisdom and guidance. Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo was home for a break,



A water taxi view of the welcome figure.



The welcome figure is blessed in a brushing ceremony before it is erected.

Language symposium a formal way to share and learn

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council is continuing its efforts to encourage language preservation and retention by hosting a language symposium on Sept. 18 and 19 at North Island College.

Ron Hamilton and Terry Klokeid have been asked to help organize the event.

On the first day, said Klodeid, communities will share the work they are doing in the area of language preservation, and on the second day organizers hope that a shared path going forward can be determined.

Of the deliverables for the symposium, Klokeid hopes to develop a comprehensive list of fluent speakers of the Nuu-chah-nulth language. Also the group will work on a bibliography of resource material available. If the group is willing, organizers also hope to discuss the issue of a language authority. This will help in establishing certification for teachers of the language.

"That has been done for a long time with the Coast Salish," said Hamilton, "but it's never been done with Nuu-chah-nulth."

Topics of discussion will include what the Nuu-chah-nulth nations can do to increase the number of fluent speakers. Right now, this is a seriously critical issue with less than 100 speakers currently on the list.

Also needed, said Klokeid, is the preparation of text books for teaching the language. There will be a proposal



Organizers of the language symposium meet to discuss the agenda. The event will take place at North Island College Sept. 18 and 19.

devise something that can suit our people and be useful. In the end that's what you really want. You want it to be useful. Practical. You can have something that is approaching perfection in linguistic terms and if nobody in the community knows it or understands it, can stomach it, well, then it's not of any use."

Klokeid is a professor who has worked in establishing Cree and Ojibway degree programs at First Nations University of Canada. He describes himself as a fan of the West Coast languages for about 40 years. He said the development of text books is core to the effort to stop the language from disappearing.

Hamilton said technical people will be discussing the business of fonts, the alphabets that people write in, because there's as many fonts as people working in the field.

"So, talking about the potential for adopting a writing system that would be universal. So many people don't like what's call IPA or some people call squiggles and dots... surely we can

the group would discuss what some of the goals of the non-profit would be or the next steps for that organization.

"There is strength in numbers and there are good people working all over the place a little bit at a time and in ways that are rather weaker than a whole lot of people working together with some common goals.

The people who should attend the symposium, said Hamilton, are those who desirous of becoming teachers of the language.

"You don't have to be speakers at all, but people who are interested in becoming teachers of the language. What we want is not people who are experts who are not wanting to teach. We want people who want to teach."

He said the idea is to encourage fluency.

The symposium organizers would also like to see people who want to learn, who have a passionate interest in their mother tongue.

"We want, of course, critically important, fluent speakers; people who want to pass those on."

And the organizers would like to see technical people attend, people who have been working as anthropologists or linguists, those who have been studying teaching methods.

"I believe that our own people had encoded in our language a whole approach to life that hasn't been aired, that people have been keeping quiet about because of shame, feelings of inferiority and so on."

Hamilton is contributing in his own way to language retention.

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Surrounded by Cedar

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Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council President Cliff Atleo Sr. signed the protocol along with Surrounded by Cedars President Bruce Parisian.

"It's not a small thing, it's a big thing that we do," said Atleo. The agreement works toward the goal of looking after "with great care and a lot of love our children, our grandchildren and our great grandchildren."

He said these are the teachings, "and we'll never let go." The protocol speaks to the aspirations of the elders who supported the founding of Usma and the realization of their teaching that children are of "utmost importance and you care for them every step of the way."

He said he was proud of the Usma staff who were behind the drafting of the protocol.

"The directors [of the tribal council] were quite serious about it, and did the work needed to review the whole document and make recommended changes that were accepted and adopted... So it's a proud day for us."

"This is a very exciting moment for us also," said Parisian. "One of the things that I think we have realized as aboriginal people is that culture is the most important thing that a child needs to have, no matter where they are."

"Our interest in the children, your children that live in our community, is to teach them and help them with your help to be survivors and be a part of their culture."

He said Surrounded by Cedar calls that "Bring our children home."

"We want to do a better job than what the ministry is doing. We know we can do a better job. We look forward to

working with this agency and this community for years to come."

A similar protocol was signed internally with Tla-o-qui-aht earlier in the summer, said Atleo. The agreement is designed to make Usma stronger, he explained.

"We need to have that. What that agreement talks about is working with Usma and Tla-o-qui-aht children and families, their families, accepting the responsibility for what is theirs, looking after children and families."

Surrounded by Cedar presented a framed print to mark the occasion. Parisian invited NTC to be part of the discussions between Surrounded by Cedar and the MCFD about the transfer of Nuu-chah-nulth children to the Capital Region agency.

Barb Cowan, is the executive director of Surrounded by Cedar. When asked what the protocol means in a practical sense and how it will impact the in-care experience of a child, Cowan said "Some of these kids don't even know where they are from. They are from the Island. This is their territory. They don't even know they are from Ahousaht, or from Ditidaht. They've never been there... Sometimes their relatives don't even know who these kids are, and there is this separation even though they are only two hours away. They don't know that these kids are down there. They are separated from their family, from their culture, from their land, from their language."

It's a goal of the protocol agreement to build those connections.

"Usma has charged us with taking care of their children, and that's significant. That's huge, and something that needs to be respected and honored."

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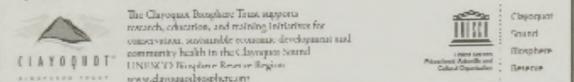
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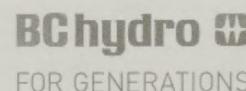
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Local high school sports funding may be in jeopardy

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—The province has cut funding for high school sports by almost 30 per cent to British Columbia School Sports (BCSS) across the province.

The organization that for many years has made school sports tournaments possible is on the ropes as the provincial organization BCSS is forced to abandon all but its core services.

BCSS is a voluntary non-profit society and has served the many athletes and volunteer coaches in our province for over forty years. It is independent from government and BC School Boards and its mission is to provide governance for interschool competition, encourage student participation in extra-curricular athletics and to assist the schools in the development and delivery of these programs.

BCSS is the governing body responsible for the delivery of high school sports and programs across the province. Within the organization, travel expenses were chopped and two full time staff positions were eliminated, leaving just two full time staff members and a part time accountant.

BCSS has 425 member schools and the impact of the 30% cut will affect over 100,000 student-athletes. There was no communication, consultation or indication of any funding cuts prior to the announcement of the decision in the media release on August 31.

On Friday August 28 Sue Keenan, BCSS executive director learned that the coming year would "not be business as usual." Instead, the organization would be forced to find ways to axe \$130,000.00 from its roughly half a million dollar budget.

Among the services it has cut back are \$10,000 in student athlete scholarships; the coaching recognition program (i.e. which local baseball coach Jim Seredick was recently honored); an end to sending students each year to the National Student Leadership Conference in Atlanta; and an end to advocacy for athletic directors and coaches.

Seredick was honored by BCSS in May of 2009 and has been a coach for over forty years. Currently Seredick is coaching basketball and baseball still at ADSS and previously he coached volleyball as well. "Education is far more than the classroom and I believe the relationships you build with the kids outside the class are perhaps more memorable than the relationship you do get in the class," said Seredick who is and has been an avid supporter of extra-curricular activities.

Seredick is an English teacher at ADSS and firmly believes that Coaching

is a welcome break as it is a different venue and a different interaction with the students. "I don't know how I would have survived teaching all of these years without coaching," said Seredick.

This could and more than likely affect all extra-curricular sporting activities in the Alberni Valley School District #70 such as Soccer, Volleyball, Wrestling Basketball and other sporting activities. The past role of BCSS was to organize tournaments, supply volunteer coaching staff and provide insurance for the volunteers.

It also organized transportation and acted as an independent body that ensured coaches and athletes adhered to the regulations. To cancel its services is bound to have some repercussions for the Alberni Valley.

Mike Roberts, athletic director for the Alberni District Secondary School (ADSS) is very saddened by the recent announcement of cuts to the BCSS budget. "You will see a lot of smaller sports go by the wayside. Let's say your thing was swimming as an example. Your school may never win a provincial (championship) or anything like that, but the fact is you have a team to excel at what you are good at and what you like maybe you can make a scholarship out of it. So a lot of opportunities could be dashed for a lot of kids," said Roberts.

Mr. Raj Puri is the president of the BCSS which is the governing body of BCSS met with the Minister of Healthy Living and Sport Ida Chong in Victoria prior to the announcement to plea on behalf of BCSS to reconsider the cutback but was not successful.

"This will have a devastating effect to our membership and our programs as we had to reduce our staffing eliminated our student scholarship program. It will especially have a major effect on our student athletes as the lessons they learn in extra-curricular activities are life-long lessons," said President Puri.

Other effects include all meetings that require travel and a hard copy monthly publication articles profiling student athletes and volunteer coaches are cancelled. "We are asking all our membership of BCSS to seek corporate sponsorship as well as asking each of our membership school's to seek alternative funds with their School District Boards," added Puri.

Tom McEvay principal of the VAST Program and also president of the Alberni Valley Wrestling Club was disappointed with the cuts to the BCSS. "My concern is that BC School Sports has long been a strong voice and advocate for high school athletics in BC and this voice has now been weakened and that could have serious long term effects," said McEvay. He has been involved in school and community athletics for the last 32 years in the Alberni Valley.

MLA Scott Fraser for the Alberni

Riding is definitely not in favor of the 30% cut-back to the BCSS. "Sport funding in all of the BC School's in the province is a very valuable component of our education system and I want my constituents to know that I will fight against these changes on behalf of my constituents," said Fraser.

"Education and especially extra-curricular sports and activities is an investment in our future generations, our youth who are our future leaders of tomorrow and the cutbacks on funding the BCSS will drastically affect our high school student athletes, especially the Aboriginal and minority population who may not be able to afford the student athletic fee hikes that may be increased," said Fraser. He

also mentioned that only those that can afford the fees may participate and families that are poor probably will not be able to participate in extra-curricular sports and activities.

One of the avenues also suggested is to increase the student athlete fees for their participation which would have a very negative impact to Aboriginal and low income families who already cannot afford the student athlete fees. All of this has happened while the provincial government has been promoting sports and other such as healthy living, culture and of course the big one, VANOC Olympics 2010.

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Income assistance subsidies and programs available

Submitted by Drew LaJeunesse

The Aboriginal Homelessness Response Initiative (AHRI) program, operates under the KUU-US Crisis Line Society, helps individuals who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. In order to provide awareness around the issues of homelessness monthly articles will cover a variety of

aspects focused on housing, community support services that are available, and education on the landlord/tenants rights and responsibilities. This month, we focus on income assistance benefits that can be awarded to potential applicants.

Income assistance helps individuals financially, who have no other reasonable way of earning money. In addition, to providing monthly financial assistance, income assistance has various programs to lessen financial burdens.

Bus Pass: A yearly pass may be awarded to people on assistance. Individuals must apply on an annual basis. Some restrictions apply.

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Senior's Supplement: The supplement promises if a senior's income is not

reaching the level assured by the provincial government, the supplement will contribute to the difference. Seniors do not have to apply; it is automatic.

BC Healthy Kids: Aids low income families by providing dental and eye care for dependents 19 and under.

Childcare Subsidy: Subsidizes the cost of childcare through monthly payments. Individuals must provide valid reasons as determined by the Ministry of Children and Family Development such as job searching, working and/or attending school.

School Start-up Supplement: Subsidizes the expense of back to school shopping for children between the ages of 5-18 once per calendar year.

Crisis Supplement: An applicant can request additional funds if there is an unexpected situation. The individual must prove that without the crisis supplement they would be facing "imminent danger." A maximum of one supplement is awarded per year. It is not repayable to the ministry.

Hardship Assistance: aids individuals who do not meet the eligibility requirements for income assistance and have no financial sources of income. It is administered on a month-by-month basis and each month, applicants must reapply. Depending on the circumstance, the funding needs to be repaid to the ministry later.

In conclusion, take an active role while on social assistance. Do not hesitate to ask questions. Ask questions also to learn if you qualify for the programs, the article has mentioned. Additionally, take notes at your meetings with your social development worker. Become informed!

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NTC President and Vice President Elections 2009 NOTICE OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES (NTC Voting Day - September 29, 2009)

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

The screening process for candidates for the NTC President Election 2009 has been completed and the eligible candidate is as follows:

- (1) Clifford Atleo, Sr. - Declared PRESIDENT by Acclamation

The screening process for candidates for the NTC Vice President Election 2009 has been completed and the eligible candidates (listed alphabetically) are as follows:

- (1) Iris Frank
- (2) Priscilla Sabbas
- (3) David Watts, Sr.

CANDIDATES OPEN FORUM

Candidates are invited to participate in an All Candidates Forum to be held at Maht Mahs, Port Alberni on September 28, 2009 (Monday) commencing from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

THE ELECTION PROCESS

According to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council:

30. The Election of President or Vice President shall be conducted in accordance with the following procedures:
 - (a) A candidate for President or Vice President shall be declared elected if he or she receives 50% plus one of the unspoiled votes cast by the members of the society.
 - (b) If after the first round of voting, the positions have not been filled, further rounds of voting will be held until all the positions are filled. Each time a further round is held, the name of the candidate with the fewest votes on each ballot will be removed from the next ballot.
 - (c) In the event of a tie between the last remaining candidates, for a single position, another round of voting will be held until the 50% plus one of the unspoiled votes cast by the members of the society is achieved.
 - (d) Any candidate for the President of Vice President may withdraw from the election any time.

VOTING

- Voting will commence at 1:00 pm September 29, 2009 in the NTC Main Boardroom, Port Alberni.
- Ballots will be issued to NTC Society Members, according to the NTC Register List at August 31, 2009 (based on population at December 31, 2008).
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'You wouldn't treat a dog this way,' says mom

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Budgets are assessed and the district posts the available positions. Any educational aide that wants to make a change can apply to any of the ads. Qualifications are considered, and the person who is most qualified will get the job. Where the qualifications of the candidates are equal, seniority is a deciding factor.

In School District 70, educational aide positions are year-long, so jobs are posted in June for re-hiring in the fall. Bumping can still occur into September, so in theory the aide that bumped Mary's aide might get bumped herself.

According to a review done in 2007 of special education in School District 70, one student had 12 EAs before Christmas.

It's not the first time that Mary has been bumped from one aide to another. Mary's had three aides in the last three years, and has only ever had two consecutive years with the same aide throughout her education. For a child who is already one of the most vulnerable in the school system because of her special needs, the inconsistency and instability allowed under the C.U.P.E. agreement only aggravates her condition.

Mom describes Mary as a fun, outgoing, caring girl, and this is why the posting to work as her EA is so attractive. It's rare for Mary to act out at school. That's left for when she gets home.

"All the anxiety and frustration comes home to me," said mom, who will suffer physical abuse at the hands of her mentally-challenged daughter as she lashes out. Mary can't verbalize the erratic emotions she's experiencing. She manifests them in a physical way; her body shakes, she can't sleep, she chews on her nails.

"It's her health," mom said of the concern she feels for her daughter as she heads back to school.

Pegler said the C.U.P.E. local works very closely with the school district to minimize problems and disruptions, but the agreement provides protection for employees in cases where, for example, there is a lack of work.

"C.U.P.E. is not the employer," he said. The collective agreement is negotiated with the school district, and while

he didn't want to minimize the situation, sometimes bumping is required. People retire, get sick, move from the area, go on leave, and as this occurs, movement among the workers takes place.

It would be impossible for any school district to provide continuity throughout a child's time in school, he said.

But this year was supposed to be different, said mom, not just because it was a big year for Mary, moving from middle school to high school, but because mom was told she could expect the bumping to stop.

It was one of the recommendations that came from the 2007 special education review completed by external consultant Dr. Richard Zigler (view the report at www.sd70.bc.ca under Special Education Review—January 2008).

Zigler discussed the strengths and challenges in the area of special education with everyone from parents to teachers to administrators. A common concern of many was the EA movement that takes part in the first part of each school year. Parents were concerned that union and seniority rights were coming ahead of student needs.

The education assistants surveyed acknowledged the difficulty, saying the movement of EAs was destructive to students. The review also noted an issue of time wasted training EAs who would then be bumped to another position.

Zigler's recommendation was to hold a comprehensive discussion with C.U.P.E. to reduce EA movement; finding a balance to protect the job security and seniority of the employee while reducing the stress for the students.

Mom was told more than a year ago, when her daughter was facing yet another bump, that these discussions with C.U.P.E. were occurring, and the bumping of autistic students would not be allowed, so she was blindsided in June when she overheard a conversation about a plan to bump Mary again.

Since this unofficial notification, mom has attempted to speak with anyone and everyone in authority to raise awareness about the situation, not just for Mary sake, but for the benefit of other special needs students as well.

She's written to her provincial representative in the B.C. legislature, MLA

Scott Fraser, who told her he couldn't become involved, but blamed the Liberal government for cuts to education. She's written to the Minister of Education, who has failed to respond. The Children's Advocate told her if her child was in care they'd be behind her, and the provincial Ombudsman has been silent.

An emotional letter copied to all the elected members of School District 70 has failed to illicit a personal response from any one of them, though Ha-Shilth-Sa has been told that a meeting was held to discuss Mary's situation.

In the letter to Board of Trustees Chair Larry Ransom, mom uses an analogy to emphasize the situation. It was described this way to her by one of the educational aides themselves:

'You are given a puppy; you build a relationship with it, nurture it, teach it and give it support. After a year you decide you don't want it or someone takes it from you and nothing can be done.'

"You wouldn't want dogs treated like this, so why would you let our special needs students be treated this way. It's cruel and abusive...."

"I write to you pleading for my child and all the others whose lives hold enough struggle already."

Mom gives credit to the school district's Director of Special Education, Darren Ausmus, who has called and emailed and even had a face to face meeting with her, but he says his hands are tied by the language in the collective agreement.

"This remains a challenging situation, which does not lend itself to immediate resolutions or the ability of the School District 70 to contravene our Collective Agreements with our C.U.P.E. employees," wrote Ausmus on behalf of the

board trustees.

That tells mom the rights of the school employees take precedent over the well-being of her child, with C.U.P.E. having more power over her child's education than she and the school board does together.

That's why mom is speaking to Ha-Shilth-Sa, despite her fear of reprisal against her daughter.

Mom says it's too late for Mary.

"The school system has failed her."

But mom doesn't want this to happen to the other special needs children in district schools coming up behind Mary. The C.U.P.E. agreement is up in 2010. And she wants the bumping of special needs students to stop.

Ausmus told Ha-Shilth-Sa that he deals with the bumping issue often, and continues to work with C.U.P.E. to find solutions. The school district is committed to working towards a less disruptive process that honors both the child and the rights of the employee, he said.

Change can only occur through negotiations, and while it's premature to speculate on the outcome of that negotiation for the new union contract, Ausmus said there is "no question that the issue [of bumping] will come up."

Ausmus is also in regular contact with his counterparts in other school districts and the bumping situation has been a part of their discussion as well. Not all school districts continue to allow EA bumping to occur.

Ausmus stressed that all the EAs in School District 70 are "extremely committed to the work they do." He's confident that the support Mary will receive from her new EA will help minimize the impact that all this change brings as she transitions to a new school.

Nuu-chah-nulth Species-at-Risk Coordinator/ Fisheries Intern

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council/ Uu-a-thluk (NTC Fisheries) is seeking a temporary, full-time Species-at-Risk Coordinator/ Fisheries Intern to empower Nuu-chah-nulth people and communities to participate in species at risk recovery activities and to increase Nuu-chah-nulth access to and management of sea resources. The Coordinator will work with Uu-a-thluk biologists, First Nations fisheries managers, and communities in Nuu-chah-nulth Ha-houlthee in the Central Region from October 1st, 2009 through March 31st, 2010. Uu-a-thluk staff will provide training and mentoring in relevant job skills.

Responsibilities will include:

- 1) Coordinating Species-at-Risk research taking place in Nuu-chah-nulth ha-houlthee.
- 2) Liaising between organizations, agencies, Uu-a-thluk, and the Nations so that Nuu-chah-nulth communities are informed and contributing to planning and recovery processes.
- 3) Coordinating the inclusion of traditional knowledge about aquatic Species-at-Risk and Nuu-chah-nulth perspectives on their recovery in the conservation and recovery process.
- 4) Conducting aquatic Species-at-Risk education and outreach programs in WCVI schools and communities, and with Nuu-chah-nulth fisheries guardians and local tourism operators.
- 5) Working with Uu-a-thluk communications staff to develop Species-at-Risk information materials (newspapers and web articles)
- 6) Working on a wide variety of fisheries projects and duties, including office administration and field work.

Qualifications:

- Post secondary courses in a related field or a combination of work experience and training in a related field.
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills.
- The ability to self-motivate and work independently and as part of a team.
- Excellent computer skills, including MS Office, e-mail, and the Internet.
- Experience coordinating projects that involve research or traditional knowledge will be considered an asset.
- The ability to travel, occasionally overnight.
- Must have a car and a valid driver's licence.

This position is only available to Nuu-chah-nulth candidates.

Apply by September 15th, 2009 by sending your cover letter and resume to: Attention: Norine Messer Uu-a-thluk, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Box 1383, Port Alberni, BC V9Y-7M2 Fax: 250-724-2172 E-mail: norinemesser@hotmail.com

For questions contact Norine Messer at 250-735-4111 or norinemesser@hotmail.com

Make healthy meals for a healthy mind

Before school bells start ringing again, parents should consider doing some homework of their own on nutritious lunches to pack for their children. Since kids often want to eat the same types of food every day for lunch, it's up to parents to take the lead and put new ideas on the table.

Registered dietitian Dena McDowell, M.S., C.D., nutritional expert for TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), says parents can expand a child's food horizons and provide a better range of vitamins and nutrients on a daily basis by following these tips:

Let Kids Make the Assignments McDowell explains that a child may feel empowered and more apt to try new food combinations if he or she is part of the planning process.

Together, find recipes for new sandwiches, soups, and trail mixes to get ideas. Have children identify the items that need to be purchased and, with their help, create a grocery list.

At the store, point out different cheeses, low-fat yogurts, and low-fat cottage cheese. Have them "hunt" for foods that are rich in whole grains, like whole-wheat flour, bran, or oats. Try selecting a few protein options such as natural peanut butter, cheese, lean deli meats, hummus, refried beans, nuts, and seeds.

Lunch 101 Lessons McDowell, who also is a mom, has this advice:

Strategy #1: Trying a new recipe or a new food can sometimes make a child lose their appetite. Offer the new item along with some of the foods that he or she will eat. Identify dairy products,

fruits, and veggies that get a thumbs-up, and make sure to include these in the lunch. Encourage the child to try the new foods before digging into the foods he or she regularly eats.

Strategy #2: If a child is helping to pack lunches, teach him or her that balance is important. Aim to include a protein-rich food (lean meat, cheese, eggs, beans, nuts, seeds, or yogurt), a dairy-rich food (milk, yogurt, or cheese), a fruit, a veggie, and some whole grains. Also, remember that the more color is present in the meal, the more vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants it contains. Include at least three different, naturally-colored foods.

New Ideas for Doing the Math Put the following suggestions from McDowell on the brown-bag meal plan and experiment with new combinations:

Hummus with pita chips or whole-wheat crackers, carrots, orange slices, and low-fat milk.

Pita stuffed with lean deli ham, low-fat cheese and lettuce, pear, yogurt, and low-fat milk.

Trail mix (nuts, dried fruit, pretzels, whole-grain cereal, and/or chocolate chips), veggies and low-fat dip, banana, and low-fat milk.

Yogurt with granola and mixed berries, vegetable juice, and whole-grain crackers with low-fat cheese.

TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the original, nonprofit weight-loss education and support organization, was founded more than 61 years ago to champion weight-loss support and success. Founded and headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., TOPS promotes suc-

cessful weight management with a philosophy that combines healthy eating, regular exercise, wellness education, and support from others at weekly chapter meetings. TOPS has about 170,000 members in nearly 10,000 chapters throughout

the United States and Canada, and several chapters in Europe. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677 for more information.

McIvor case update

Chuck Strahl, minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, has announced the federal government's engagement plan for the development of legislative amendments to the registration provisions of the Indian Act in the wake of the landmark ruling of the Court of Appeal for British Columbia in the Sharon McIvor case.

Throughout the late summer and early fall, INAC officials will be meeting with national aboriginal organizations and holding engagement sessions across the country. To help in the engagement process, a discussion paper has been developed to explain how the federal government intends to move forward following the McIvor decision and to invite views on the approach.

"We have to act swiftly to meet the Court of Appeal's ruling to amend the Indian Act," said Minister Strahl. "Over the next few months we will be engaging

with willing Aboriginal organizations to both provide information and seek input on a legislative solution to the issue outlined by the decision of the Court of Appeal for British Columbia."

Spurred by a civil lawsuit that Sharon McIvor launched in October 1989, the Court of Appeal for British Columbia ruled on April 6, 2009, that certain registration provisions of the Indian Act are unconstitutional as they violate the equality provision of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Court suspended its declaration for 12 months – to April 6, 2010 – to give Parliament time to amend the Indian Act.

Views and comments on the proposed legislative approach can be submitted in writing before November 13, 2009. For more information on how to submit written comments, or to obtain a copy of the discussion paper, please consult INAC's website at: <http://www.aic-inac.gc.ca/br/iv/vor-eng.asp>

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H1N1 Influenza Virus (Human Swine Influenza)

What is H1N1 influenza virus?

The H1N1 influenza virus (human swine influenza or human swine flu) is a respiratory disease of humans caused by type A influenza virus. This particular strain has originated in swine, although it is now transmitted between people. Contact with swine is no longer a concern.

How does H1N1 influenza virus spread?

Spread of H1N1 influenza virus also called H1N1 flu virus from person to person occurs in the same way as seasonal flu, which is mainly spread person to person through coughing or sneezing by people infected with the influenza virus. People may become infected by touching something with flu viruses or germs on it and then touching their mouth or nose. Germs on hard surfaces, such as counters and doorknobs, can be picked up on hands and spread to the respiratory system when people touch their mouth or nose. It is important to wash your hands frequently.

How can H1N1 flu virus be prevented?

You can reduce the risk of getting any influenza strain, including the H1N1 flu virus, by taking standard precautionary measures.

- Wash your hands or clean them with alcohol-based hand rubs frequently, especially after you cough or sneeze and before you eat.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a clean tissue when you cough or sneeze, and throw the tissue in the trash immediately after you use it.
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, as infection can spread that way.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you get sick, stay at home and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

What is home isolation?

You or your child may require home isolation if you have an infectious illness such as influenza or flu. The influenza virus is contagious for 24 hours before symptoms start and for about 7 days after symptoms start. People should stay home from school or work until they are feeling better and able to participate in normal activities.

Isolation means staying at home and not going to work, school, or other public places. While at home, the person who is sick should stay isolated or away from other household members and other people as much as possible.

You stay at home and away from people to prevent spreading influenza to others. It also gives you time to recover. You should recover in your own room as much as possible. Keep a 2 metre (6 feet) distance when contact with other household members is unavoidable. Everyone should wash their hands often, using soap and warm water.

How can human infections with H1N1 flu virus be diagnosed?

Identification of human swine influenza A virus requires sending a specimen from the infected person to the provincial laboratories at the BC Centre for Disease Control for testing. To diagnose swine influenza A infection, a respiratory specimen would need to be collected generally within the first 4 to 5 days of illness, during the time when an infected person most likely sheds the virus. Some people, especially children, may shed the virus for 10 days or longer. People with mild illness do not need to have a test done and should not go to their doctor for this. If you are unsure whether you need to see a doctor, call HealthLink BC at 811.

What medications are available to treat H1N1 flu virus infections?

Currently, antiviral drugs prescribed by doctors can be used for early treatment of the illness in certain people who may be at risk of more severe disease. In the event that experts determine that more extensive use of antiviral medication is recommended both Canada and B.C. have purchased an advance supply of antivirals and have committed to purchasing more if needed as part of an emergency public health response.

What are the symptoms of human swine flu?

The symptoms of H1N1 flu virus or human swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of typical human seasonal influenza. Symptoms include high fever, cough, sore throat, headache, body aches, chills, fatigue, eye pain, shortness of breath, and lack of appetite. Some people with human swine flu have also reported nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Symptoms or complications such as severe respiratory distress or pneumonia may develop in moderate or severe cases, as well as people with chronic health conditions.

What to do if you or your child has symptoms?

In most adults and children, the symptoms of H1N1 flu virus or human swine flu are similar to the symptoms of regular flu. If you or your child gets sick, you can take these steps to feel better.

- Children and adults who are sick should stay at home. Do not send children to school or daycare.
- Drink lots of fluids (juice, water, Pedialyte).
- Get plenty of rest.
- Keep your child comfortable.
- For fever, sore throat, and muscle aches, you can use fever-reducing medicines that your doctor recommends based on your child's age. Do not use aspirin with children or teenagers; it can cause Reye's syndrome, a life-threatening illness.
- Keep clean tissues and a trash bag close, and throw the tissue in the trash immediately after you use it.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- A person who is sick should recover in his or her own room as much as possible.
- If someone in your home is sick, keep the person away from those who are not sick.

You can call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1 if you have symptoms or concerns, and speak to a nurse anytime of the day or night.

Is there a vaccine for H1N1 flu virus?

Experts are working internationally to develop a vaccine that will protect persons from this particular strain of influenza. However, the seasonal influenza vaccine is recommended for individuals to offer protection against the seasonal strains that may be circulating, regardless of whether a novel strain has emerged.

Canada has a contract with a manufacturer to research and produce a vaccine for an influenza pandemic virus once it is identified, so production can start as soon as possible.

When should I contact a doctor or health care provider?

You can call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1 if you have symptoms or concerns, and speak to a nurse anytime of the day or night.

If you need to see your doctor or health care provider, call ahead and report your symptoms so appropriate precautions can be taken.

Individuals with no flu symptoms can continue with their regular daily activities, including going to work or school, whether or not they have travelled in a country or been in contact with someone who has travelled where H1N1 flu virus or human swine flu has been reported.



For more HealthLink BC File topics, visit www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/index.stm or your local public health unit. Click on www.healthlinkbc.ca or call 8-1-1 for non-emergency health information and services in B.C. For deaf and hearing-impaired assistance, call 7-1-1 in B.C. Translation services are available in more than 130 languages on request.

Usma Nuu-chah-nulth Family & Child Services

is currently seeking a Resource Home for two young siblings. Knowledge of Nuu-chah-nulth culture and a background in working with young children would be assets. Potential caregivers should be prepared to make a long-term commitment and be able to work as part of a team. Requirements will include completion of the application/approval process necessary to become a Resource Home, completion of Pre-Service Orientation and completion of the BC Foster Parents Education Program. Maintenance payments will commensurate with existing Ministry of Children and Family rates. Please contact Terry McDonald or Amber Severinson at 250-724-3232.

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Skills and Experience:

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- Working in and with First Nations communities and governments.
- Fisheries work (assessment, habitat, enhancement, management plans) and/or coastal planning work (local knowledge surveys, mapping, economic opportunities).

Qualities:

- Commitment to task (able to focus on priorities; able to work well independently; able to take initiative; interest and enthusiasm for subject area).
- Ability to lead and manage a team (positive and energetic; good communications skills; regular reporting; able to provide options and recommendations; able to incorporate direction and suggestions; able to respond to conflicts productively).
- Ability to build partnerships, especially with First Nations (ability to inspire trust and credibility; ability to build momentum and motivate others to participate; ability to find mutually beneficial solutions; ability to work with diverse parties).

The project is in final stages of funding approval. When funding is secured, the position will begin immediately and run until March 2011, with a possibility of extension. The salary range will be based on experience and scope of duties, with some flexibility regarding location and schedule. A cover letter, CV, and contact information for three references should be submitted by September 24, 2009 to info@westcoastaquatic.ca.

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Quu'asa Men's Gathering Sept. 9 to 12 Esperanza

For more information, please phone the Quu'asa office at 250-724-3939 or toll-free at 1-888-624-3939

Lahal Tournament Sept. 18 to 20 Hupacasath

To be held at the House of Gathering. Opens games will be at 8 p.m. on the 18th. Deadline for tournament is 7 p.m. sharp. Two to eight players \$100 team. First and second guesser may start the game. Bones may be used to guess. No drinking. No exceptions.

Loonie Toonie Sept. 19 Hupacasath

To be held at the House of Gathering 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drawing is 1 p.m. sharp. Tables are available for \$10. Tons of prizes to be won. There will be a concession, face painting, 50/50, language cds family packages (by donation). Come out and support saving our Nuu-chah-nulth language. Feel free to contact Christine at 723-9890 or Eva at 723-8579. If anyone has donations, feel free to contact Christine or Eva.

Nomination Deadline Sept. 25 Port Alberni

The Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation is seeking nominations for their Business Awards. Categories include Youth Business of the Year, Best Environmentally Sustainable Business, Best Cultural Business, Artist of the Year, and Business of the Year. Eligible for nomination are all Aboriginal businesses within the Nuu-chah-nulth region. Nuu-chah-nulth members residing outside the Nuu-chah-nulth region and NEDC clients. Contact NEDC to get your nomination form. 250-724-3131 or www.nedc.info

Memorial potlatch Sept. 26 Tofino

Nellie Joseph and family would like to invite friends and family to a memorial potlatch for late Karen Isabelle Frank on Sept. 26 starting at noon at the Tofino Community Hall.

All candidates forum Sept. 28 Port Alberni

In the election of Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council President and Vice President an all candidates forum will be held at Maht Mahs Gym. Time: 7 p.m.

Annual General Meeting Sept. 29 Port Alberni

The Port Alberni Friendship Center 3555 4th Ave. Dinner at 5 p.m. Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Door prizes at the end of the meeting. For more info phone 250-723-8281

NTC Annual General Meeting Sept. 29 and 30 Maht Mahs Gym, Port Alberni

To be held at Maht Mahs gym starting at 9 a.m. daily. This year's theme is Celebrating Our Accomplishments.

Marge White Family Naming Potlatch Oct. 24 Port Alberni

To be held at Maht Mahs gym starting with lunch at noon. Marge and her siblings Clarence Dennis, Simon Dennis Jr, Robert Dennis Sr. and Myrtle Williams will name all their children and grandchildren. This will include the offspring of their late brother David Dennis. All the siblings are survivors of the residential school and with the loss of their mother at an early age they separated as a family. The potlatch is to unify the family. They also want to give to the children what was denied them at the residential school, the right to practice culture, to have identity and to know who family is.

Quu'asa Women's Gathering October 26th to 29th Esperanza

For more information, please phone the Quu'asa office at 250-724-3939 or toll-free at 1-888-624-3939

Men's Open Basketball Tournament Nov. 6 to 8 Ucluelet

Evan Touchie Legacy to be held at Ucluelet Secondary School gym. Contact Melody Charlie if you'd like to be involved, volunteering, donations, sponsor. For more info contact 250-726-2507 melodycharlie@mac.com. Looking forward to seeing you here! Bring your hearts.

Celebration of Life Nov. 14 Hupacasath

Ceremony for Aaron Lucas to be held at the House of Gathering at 3 p.m. As some of you are aware, our son Aaron Lucas was in a serious biking accident on June 18 and was critically injured and is currently continuing on his road to recovery.

We would like to ask you to come out and join us in acknowledging the support people who were there for our family and to assist us in celebrating our son's life. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email: Bruce-bruce@shaw.ca Kelly- kuwana4@shaw.ca

Potlatch for Linda Watts Nov. 21 Port Alberni

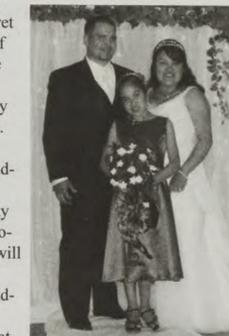
We would like to announce the memorial for the late Linda Watts. We ask you to join us in the celebration of her life, as she had a passion for her language, cul-

Birthdays & congratulations

Family and close friends of Magdalene and Jordan Lucas came to Ahousat on June 27th, 2009 to witness the love they share with each other. It was a beautiful day, even the rain did not dampen the spirits.



My children were so excited getting ready that morning. There was so many mixed emotions; if Grandpa Cosmos were here he'd be doing this or that... If J.R. were here he'd probably say... If only Grandma Margaret could see you now... If Uncle Buck were here he'd probably do... I know in my heart, they all were there in spirit. I'll always remember what one of your grandpas said after J.R.'s memorial, "We will lay away all the sad memories, those memories will now serve to give us strength rather than sadness."



Your life can be what you want it to be. Take the days just one at a time; count your blessings, not your troubles. You'll make it through whatever comes along. Within you two there are so many answers. Understand, have courage, be strong. Don't put limits on yourself. So many dreams are waiting to be realized. Decisions are too important to leave to chance. Reach for your goal and prize. Nothing wastes energy like worrying. Don't take things too seriously. Live a life of serenity, no regrets. Remember that a little love goes a long way, and that a lot goes forever.

Magdalene, you are so blessed to have Jordan as your husband. He is a man who will always be there, someone who always lends a helping hand, and a shoulder to lean on, especially in those times when you need someone the most to listen to you. He'll always try to make you smile, no matter how down you are, or how blue you feel, and he usually makes you smile and brighten your day.

I have seen that in Jordan, the way he is with you and my granddaughter Ashley. I am so thankful for how Jordan is with Ashley. He is that special person who makes life easier by just being there and listening to her

problems. They have that special bond. When I first met Jordan, I could tell by his eyes what kind of man he was. The special relationship you two have is a gift. May it last a lifetime, and build beautiful memories, that you are creating today with your own family.

The day before your wedding, your new brother-in-law John Green, cooked a big barbecue dinner. It was so nice to see you, Magdalene with your new family. Most of your in-laws were there. I took that moment to watch you. How happy you were with them, laughing just as hard as

them. I knew then you were going to be OK. It was hard on me, the last few months, how I would break down and cry, thinking of my little girl getting married. It felt like you were leaving me. You'll understand when Babe gets married. I kept thinking of you when you were a baby, growing up as a little girl. How much you loved your brothers and sisters. You always looked out for them.

Now Magdalene, you are starting your new life with Jordan and Ashley. Have hope, health, and happiness. Take that time to wish upon a star, and don't ever forget for even a day how special your love for one another is. Magdalene and Jordan, talk to each other, listen with your ears and heart. The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. Magdalene, my beautiful daughter, I wish nothing but the best for you and Jordan on your new journey as "Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Lucas."

I love you two with all my heart! Love always and forever, Mom and Pops, brothers: James and Eric S. Adams sisters: Margo Frank and Kara-Anna Adams nieces: Baby Jay, Cassidy and Rachel and your one and only nephew, Junior, and Alicia Michael and Thomas Titian.

"Happy Birthday Valerie Hansen from Kyuquot, many more, God Bless!"

Happy 30th birthday Amber Severinson. Have a great day. Love mom and dad.

Happy 1st birthday to our precious fat baby on Sept. 28, Mathew Timothy Adam Morris Jack Jr. our sweet, sweet grandson. The first year of your life has been completed and many more to come. We love you so very much! Love always, Grandma Jackie and Papa Wilson.

Happy 20th birthday to our son, Mathew Jack Sr. On September 29th. Son you have grown to be a fine, young man whom we are very proud of. Enjoy your day, for its very special. We love you dearly and hope for nothing but the best for you and your family. You deserve it. Love always, mother and father, Jackie and Wilson

Nuu-chah-nulth Registry and Treaty Information ...

Registering events are very important!

- Birth Registrations:** It is important to get baby registered as soon as possible. You must complete the parental consent for Registration/Statement of Band Affiliation form and provide the LARGE form birth certificate, these consent forms can be obtained through your Band Office or at the NTC Office. Registration takes 6 - 8 weeks.
- Transfers:** Are you wishing to transfer to another Band? Write to the Band you want to transfer into. Once accepted you will need to complete a consent to transfer form, also, notify the Band you are currently in and let them know your intentions.
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- Are you turning 18 soon?** If you would like your own registration number then you have to submit a letter of request. Process also takes 6 - 8 weeks (no longer automatic).
- All documents are to be submitted to Rosie Marsden - Indian Registry Administrator** at the NTC Office, with the exception of Ditidaht, Hesquiaht, Huu-ay-aht and Tla-o-qui-aht. Contact these First Nations directly. To have a status card issued through NTC from these four First Nations please have your Indian Registry Administrator fax approval and your information prior to coming into the office if possible.
- Does your First Nation have their membership code in place?** If so, and you would like the above events recorded for "BAND MEMBERSHIP" then it is **EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT** that you contact them as well.
- Your First Nation needs your current address and phone number so they can contact you regarding Treaty developments, letters and bulletins.**
- First Nation phone numbers and addresses are listed below for your convenience.**

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PO Box 18 Tofino, BC. V0R 2Z0



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5091 Tsuma-as Dr. Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 8X9



Uchucklesaht Tribe
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Ucluelet First Nation
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PO Box 699 Ucluelet, B.C. V0R 3A0



Language symposium

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For the past 45 years, he has been collecting names and has upwards of 10,000 cards with the names written on them, as well as every bit of information that he has been able to find about those names. "Encoded in those names is a lot about the way we think, the way we approach life, or if you want, our philosophy, our believe system. I'm interested in that. I'm interested in our own traditional spirituality. Our approach to life and the way we see ourselves within the scope of life." He said the way that our world is being treated right now is not a good way. "We should have something to say about that."

Hamilton said he is interested in sharing whatever he can and he's also interested in learning what he can. He said he hopes the symposium is a good first step to being able to formally share information. There is a lot being done, and it's mostly anonymous, and "certainly not having the powerful effect that we would wish." "I think that everybody who is working on something in the smaller scale is wishing that that work they are doing will affect people on a larger scale. Creating the larger scale is maybe one way to effect things on a larger scale." Hamilton said he encourages people to come to the symposium ready to talk and

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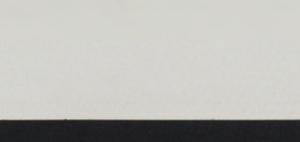
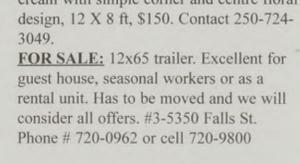
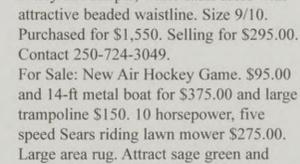
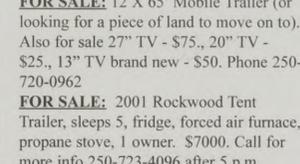
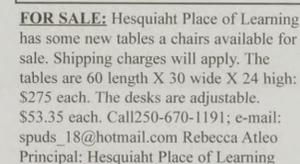
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LOST: Drum with whale painted on it. On Jan. 28 at party at Maht Mahs Gym. Call (250) 745-3483.
LOST: Gold necklace with a 1in X 1in Indian design butterfly pendant. Last seen on my niece at the Ucluelet Secondary School in March. Please call Jeannine Adams @ 670-1150 or email ballgrrl@hotmail.com. Thanks.
FOUND: A shawl was left at the House of Himwitsa and has not been picked up by the owner. Please pick up your shawl at the House of Himwitsa. Lewis George, House of Himwitsa Ltd.
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Meet Uu-a-thluk staff:

NTC Regional Biologists

Six employees deliver Uu-a-thluk programs from the NTC offices in Port Alberni, Tofino, and Gold River. This article is the first in a series profiling Uu-a-thluk staff.

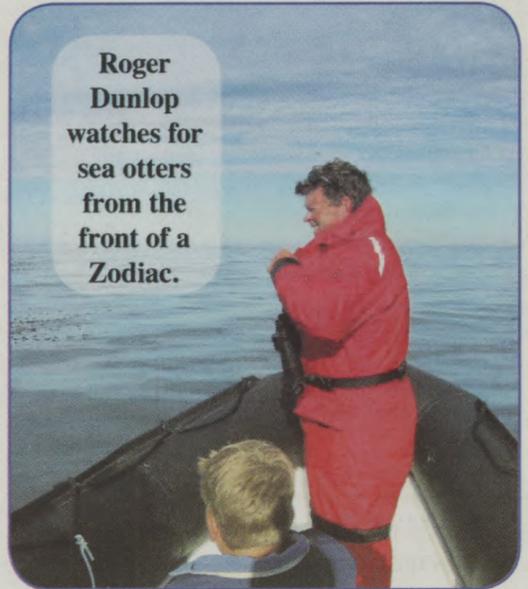
Roger Dunlop: Northern Region Biologist

Roger Dunlop knows the real meaning of the word "mumulthnee." Uu-a-thluk's biologist for the Northern Region, Roger traces his roots back to the Delriadon tribe of western Scotland. After immigrating to Canada with his parents in 1962, he eventually settled in Calgary.

"After high school, I worked as labourer, then equipment operator and then pipeline construction crew foreman," Roger said. Following these jobs, he earned a Diploma in Fish and Wildlife Management. He later moved to Victoria to get his Bachelor of Science degree with majors in oceanography and marine biology. He started working for the NTC Fisheries Program in 1993.

"My favourite part is learning about Nuu-chah-nulth fisheries and culture and working with First Nations to help them reach their goals." In addition to other areas, Roger specializes in fish habitat, sea otter management, and the clam fishery.

In 2005, Mowachaht/Muchalaht and Hesquiaht Chiefs honoured Roger with the name "Uupiihaa," meaning 'person who helps a lot'. His Nuu-chah-nulth name means a lot to Roger, who is the father of three children: Colin, Stuart, and Jill.



Roger Dunlop watches for sea otters from the front of a Zodiac.



Uu-a-thluk biologist Katie beach assists with a necropsy on the sperm whale that washed up on a Hesquiaht beach.

Katie Beach: Central Region Biologist

Katie Beach may not have been born on Vancouver Island, but she knows a good thing when she sees it. While doing research for her Masters degree in Kyuquot, she fell in love with the West Coast. She moved to Tofino to get away from the city while she finished her thesis and was later hired by Uu-a-thluk.

Born in Sudbury, Ontario, to parents Dorothy Klein and William Beach, Katie began working for Uu-a-thluk in 2006. Her favourite part of the job has been doing fieldwork with the Nations' fisheries managers and technicians. "During these times, I get to get out and see the land and water and notice changes through time," she says. "At the same time I get a chance to get to know the guys and have some good laughs."

Like other Uu-a-thluk biologists, Katie oversees a number of areas, but offers specialized knowledge sea otter management, sea lice, youth education, and the wild shellfish industry. Current work sees her surveying clams with Hesquiaht First Nation, working on the draft sea otter management plan, and coordinating streamkeeper training.

Jim Lane: Uu-a-thluk Southern Region Biologist

Jim Lane learned the value of a good mentor early on when his parents and grandparents taught him how to fish near his childhood home in Greater Victoria. That knowledge later transferred to the workplace, when Jim worked with government agencies and consulting companies. Never one to turn his back on new experiences, he welcomed the opportunity to learn whatever lessons his bosses had to teach. Some of those lessons included what NOT to do.

"Everyone had something to pass on," said Jim, "even the ones who weren't great at their jobs."

But the lessons that really stuck with Jim were the ones that came from the people he considered "mentors." Two such people include a consultant named John Taylor and Uu-a-thluk's Program Manager, Don Hall.

"They are well organized and communicate what needs to get done and how to do it. They allowed me to take on as much as I wanted to do, provided criticism in a constructive manner, and were not threatened by anybody."

Jim has worked for the NTC since 1995 when he came on board as a biologist for the Central Region. After a reorganization in 1996, he moved to Port Alberni and began his work in the Southern Region. His specialties include salmon stock assessment, groundfish fisheries (particularly halibut) and invertebrate fisheries like prawn and crabs. Jim is husband to Teresa and father of their daughter Molly.



Jim Lane takes a break during a crab survey of Nitinat Lake with Sabrina Halvorsen and Allison Gallic.

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